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House Majority Leader Makes Statement on Stopping the Growing Number of Prescription Drug Related Deaths

Tallahassee, Fla. – Florida House Majority Leader Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R-Miami) today issued the following statement regarding the Health & Human Services Subcommittee workshop on the pharmaceutical supply chain, regulation of controlled substances, and prescription drug-related deaths.

“Today the House discussed the various ways Florida attempts to regulate controlled substances, including the state drug monitoring database, which has not yet been built. The focus was rightly on cutting off this problem at the source, not simply monitoring the warning signs.

“I am very pleased to see the results of the impressive raids on pill mills in South Florida yesterday. These raids show aggressive law enforcement actions are possible without violating the privacy of law-abiding citizens with a prescription drug database.”

“Prescription drug abuse must be stopped at the source. We must work to prevent bad doctors from dispensing indefensible amounts of dangerous medical drugs, not utilize another big government program to penalize citizens for the legal use of prescription drugs.”

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